



## Washington State Pear and Apple Harvest Bulletin

### August 13, 2014

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Pear Bureau NW estimates that the Washington State's **pear crop** is down approximately 10% from last year's record crop. Early Bartlett pear harvest is underway in some early production areas. Peak pear harvest should begin between August 20th and August 25th.

Peak apple harvest is expected to start around September 15<sup>th</sup> and extend through October. Some later maturing apple varieties will be harvested into early November. Harvest of summer variety apples is underway and the Gala apple (2nd largest variety) harvest has also begun in some early production areas. Red Delicious (number one variety) harvest is expected to begin in mid-September.

The anticipated start dates are associated with tree fruit producing areas located in:

- North-Central Washington (Chelan, Okanogan, Grant and Douglas counties)
- South-Central Washington (Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat and Skamania counties)
- Southeast Washington (Walla Walla, Benton and Franklin counties)

The Washington tree fruit industry estimates that the total **fresh apple crop** is expected to be a record 140.2 million (40# equivalent) boxes, up approximately 21.8 percent % from a year ago.

While housing supply continues to increase, seasonal housing is scarce in some areas. Other seasonal (non-tent) farmworker housing facilities include:

Name	City	Phone
Ringold	Mesa	509-366-2831
Esparanza	Mattawa	509-830-1389
Lugar Securo	Othello	509-331-6835
Vista del Rio & Heritage Glen	East Wenatchee	509-663-7421
Sage Bluff	Malaga	509-885-3586
Columbia Pointe	Malaga	509-663-7421
Monitor Park	Monitor	509-667-1351
East Oroville Harvest	Oroville	509-476-3059

Workers planning to work in Washington's pear and apple harvest are encouraged to contact one of the WorkSource offices listed below.

Columbia Gorge	800-511-7388
Moses Lake	509-766-2559
Sunnyside	509-836-5405

Tri-Cities	509-734-5900
Wenatchee	800-858-2716
Yakima	509-574-0105
Walla Walla	509-527-4393
Okanogan	800-887-8057
Statewide information	800-339-3981